

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 were pending in the present application. Claims 1-12 and 15-21 have been canceled without prejudice for further prosecution in one or more divisional applications. Claim 14 has been amended and new claims 22-29 have been added. Accordingly, claims 13, 14, and 22-29 are currently pending. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification, including the originally filed claims. Specifically, support for claim 22 can be found at, for example page 25, line 6 of the specification. Support for claims 23, 25, 27, 28 and 29 can be found at, for example page 14, lines 30-35 of the specification. Support for claim 24 can be found at, for example page 15, line 27 of the specification. Support for claim 26 can be found at, for example page 15, line 21 of the specification.

No new matter has been added. Any amendments to and/or cancellation of the claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections and was done solely to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' Agent would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

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